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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT, INTELLIGENCE,  
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 DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
 DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
 DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS  
 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
 DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, ATOMIC ENERGY  
 COMMISSION  
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE, THE  
 JOINT STAFF  
 DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Atomic Energy Intelligence

REFERENCE: (a) Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Atomic  
 Energy Intelligence 9 June 1950  
 (b) Meeting of the Intelligence Advisory  
 Committee on 16 June 1950

1. Based on the discussions in the meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee on 16 June 1950, there is enclosed a draft of the comments I should like to send to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council on Reference (a).

2. I should like to receive from you in a few days your concurrence with or dissent from these statements, so that I can inform the Executive Secretary, National Security Council, if the enclosure has the concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

3. If there should be substantive dissent, a meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Committee will be called at the end of this week.

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19 June 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NSC  
SUBJECT: Atomic Energy Intelligence  
REFERENCE: (a) Memorandum from Executive Secretary, NSC, to  
DCI dated 8 February 1950.  
(b) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Atomic  
Energy Intelligence dated 9 June 1950,  
transmitted to Executive Secretary, NSC,  
13 June 1950.

The Intelligence Advisory Committee has considered the subject report and submits the following comments on the Recommendations contained therein:

1. An "overriding" priority cannot be assigned to the collection of atomic energy information but this matter should be assigned a very high priority in all of the collection agencies.
2. The [redacted] Program should be continued, not cut down,

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4. Overt collection activities abroad, [redacted]

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and expanded. [redacted]

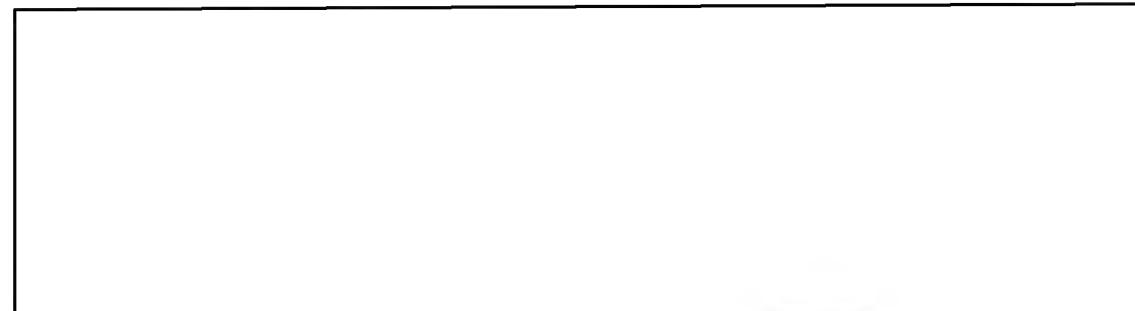
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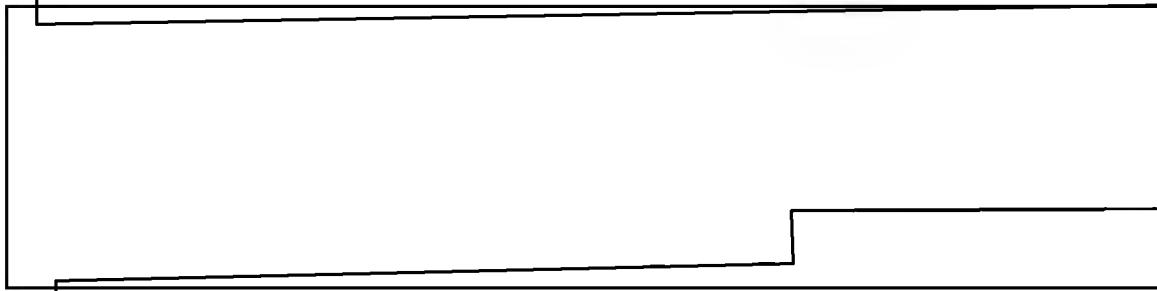
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6. Overt operations are covered under Paragraph 4 above. The relationships between covert collection activities abroad, on the one hand, and Theatre Commanders and The Chief of Mission, on the other, need to be clarified and defined. There should be unified direction of all covert operations abroad.

7. Closer liaison is to be maintained between the technical analysts and the field collection activities.

8. The pertinent MCIOs should be followed more strictly to effect coordination of intelligence activities. The frustration of committee procedure is deplored. It is better, however, to have an interlocking committee structure than separate committees. "Unanimous consent procedure" is not essential.

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Established procedures for obtaining decisions from higher authorities should be used when committees do not agree unanimously. The multiplicity of committees and boards and adherence to the prescribed unanimity rule tend to neutralize the effectiveness of Communications Intelligence.

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